

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

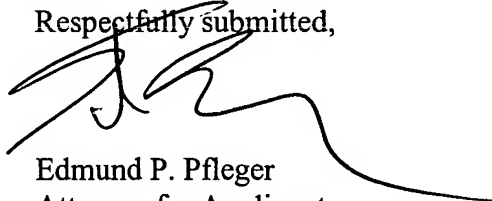
This application is a continuation under Rule 53(b) of Application Serial No. 10/173,245. No new matter has been added to the subject application as a result of the changes made thereto.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees. The claims as provided herein are believed allowable over all the art of record.

Applicant has calculated the fees based on the number of claims added in this amendment. In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our deposit account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,



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